

## When do I enroll my family member?

Enrollment should be made as soon as a special need(s) is identified. Enrollment must be completed **BEFORE** the soldier is on levy in order for the program to “work”.

## What are the benefits of the EFMP?

Enrollment allows assignment managers at HRC to consider the documented medical and special education needs of exceptional family members in the assignment process. Whenever possible, soldiers are assigned to an area where the special needs of their exceptional family member(s) can be met. Educational needs are not considered for CONUS assignments. Assignments will depend on a valid personnel requirement for the soldier’s grade, specialty, and eligibility for the tour. All soldiers remain eligible for worldwide assignments.

## How does a soldier enroll in the program?

The soldier or family member should contact the nearest military medical treatment facility EFMP point of contact to obtain the enrollment forms and begin the assessment process.

The soldier is also responsible for updating the enrollment every **three** years or as medical or educational conditions change.

Additionally, the soldier must disenroll their family member from the EFMP if they have disenrolled their family member from DEERS due to death or divorce.

## Who must enroll in the program?

The following soldiers with exceptional family members must enroll in the program:

- Active Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard
- U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) soldiers in the USAR-Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program and other USAR soldiers on active duty exceeding 30 days
- Army National Guard (AGR) personnel serving under authority of title 10, United States Code

**NOTE:** Department of the Army civilian employees do not enroll in the program. However, they must identify dependents with special needs each time they process for an assignment to a location outside the United States where dependent travel is authorized at Government expense.

## More Information

***Ft. Irwin’s Medical EFMP*** performs all educational or medical enrollment/update/disenrollment processing, and provides information on medical services available in the region. Please call (760) 380-3159 for more information.

***Ft. Irwin’s Army Community Services (ACS) EFMP*** provides information and referral to: support groups, respite care, relocation assistance and educational services. They will also assist in advocating for your family members. Please call (760) 380-3698 for more information.

# Weed Army Community Hospital Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)



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## Definition of an Exceptional Family Member

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An Exceptional Family Member (EFM) is any DEERs eligible family member (adult or child) who requires more support than normally provided by a family practitioner in an outpatient clinic setting, or receives any special education services.



## FAQs about the EFMP

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### What is the Exceptional Family Member Program?

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, housing, community support, and personnel services to families with special needs.

### Does enrollment have any impact on my career?

Enrollment in EFMP does not adversely affect selection for promotion, schools or assignment. Information concerning enrollment in EFMP, or any of the data used in the program, is NOT available to selection boards.

## My family member qualifies for EFMP if they:

- Have serious or chronic medical problems, physical disabilities, and/or behavioral health disorders.

Common EFMP Enrollment Diagnoses:

- **ADD/ADHD**
- **Allergies**
- **Asthma** (#1 Medical enrolling condition)
- **Autism**
- **Cancer**
- **Cerebral Palsy**
- **Delayed Speech** (#1 Educational enrolling condition)
- **Depression**
- **Diabetes**
- **Epilepsy**
- **Esophageal Reflux**
- **Fibromyalgia**
- **Hearing problems**
- **Heart Conditions/Hypertension**
- **Intensive Follow-up Support** such as high risk newborns
- **Loss of Mobility:** requiring use of a wheelchair/walker or other aide, or requirement of single story housing
- **Lupus**

- **Migraines**
- **Special Education**
- **Thyroid Disorders**

**Note:** This listing is not meant to be all-inclusive. Check with Ft. Irwin's Medical EFMP office for **additional diagnoses** and **criteria** for enrollment.

### Are special education needs always considered in MILPO's reassignment process?

- Special education needs are **only** considered in assignments outside the United States. Assignments within our 50 States and Trust Territories are not based on the educational needs of children. Every local school system must obey public laws regarding the provision of special education.
- Special education services on Ft. Irwin are **extremely** limited. Many comprehensive services are only available in the Barstow, Victorville or San Bernardino area (40-120 miles one-way).
- You should hand-carry **ALL** educational records, including Individual Education Plans (IEPs) with you. Do not ship them in your household goods. Do not rely on them to be "forwarded" by the school.
- If possible, please contact (760) 380-3159/3698 **prior** to coming to Ft. Irwin for additional information as to housing and transportation issues.